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An Editorial

Another Anniversary

Today marks the second anniversary of the founding of the TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL and the beginning of its third year of publication.

Anniversaries usually are marked by the one who observes them pointing with pride to the accomplishments of the past and the hopes for the future. In the case of the JOURNAL it shall let three events of last month speak for the past and point to the future.

These are the events which occured during November which speak more eloquently than mere words:

Delegates to the Toledo Industrial Union Council representing every CIO union in Toledo, unanimously voted in favor of designating the TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL official publication of the CIO in this city.

Before the CIO Council took its action, 3000 members of the United Retail Clerks, CIO, without solicitation, voted to subscribe to the JOURNAL, "because it faithfully represented the point of view of the CIO."

Thousands of members of Local 12, UAW-CIO, who have supported the paper during its first two years and to whom it owes its existance, voting in their respective units, almost unanimously passed a referendum which insures the continuation of the paper after the war.

These actions on the part of three distinct groups within the period of one month, constitute a tribute and vote of confidence which tell better than words the growth and accomplishments of the JOURNAL in its particular field. It indicates what the members of CIO in this city think of the paper and the high regard in which they hold it.

In broadening its field, the JOURNAL is deeply conscious of its added responsibility to the CIO of this city and to Local 12, UAW-CIO whose officers and members had the vision and courage to begin a newspaper which is rapidly taking its place as one of America's leading labor papers.

As we enter our third year of publication we have a feeling of confidence that the JOURNAL shall continue along the road of progress together with the unions which make up CIO in this city, and that we shall go forward to the goals which we have set for ourselves.

We again repeat the pledges we made two years ago and promise our wholehearted and sincere support for those things which are good for labor, and our unalterable opposition to all that is detrimental to the interests of the workers.

We pledge to treat all questions effecting labor-management relations fairly, at the same time reserving the right to criticize those things which need criticism.

We pledge to tell our members and readers the political facts as we see them, interpreting political situations and individuals in our editorial columns.

We shall aid every worthy cause which will benefit our community, our state and our nation.

We shall seek to aid in the growth of the sentiments of unity, fraternity and solidarity in the ranks of labor.

In this spirit and with these sentiments, we face the future.

Labor Writer

The dramatic story of the 10 most importat years in the history of the American labor movement related by Rose Pesotta in her book "Bread Upon The Waters." Writing not as an academic historian of a professor but as one who has been intimately involved as a labor organizer and union official, Miss Pesotta records the hectic events of labor's tremendous upsurge with illumination and penetrating judgment. (LPA).

Blood Donors Thanked

Professional labor haters will find it difficult, if not impossible to convince people who have been aided by the Local 12 blood donor groups that unions are the evil things which Westbrook Pegler and his kind seek to make them appear.

Hundreds of letters from recipients of blood from the various donor groups organized in many of Local 12 Units attest the gratitude and appreciation of those who have been unfortunate enough to require the type of service which the union blood groups render.

Probably no other activity of Local 12 has received as little publicizing and done more good than the blood donors clubs. Quietly and modestly these groups have gone about their work of mercy. Their only reward has been the gratitude of those whose lives have been saved, or whose recovery has been speeded because of this humanitarian work of hundreds of Local 12 members.

Give Many Transfusions

Some of the donors of blood in Local 12 have given for as many as 10 or more transfusions. In addition to this, many have given their blood to the Red Cross blood banks. Not only have members of Local 12, their wives and families been aided, but many who are not connected with the organization.

The following letter is typical of many which are received by Local 12 and the Units which maintain blood donor groups and blood banks:

"To Whom
I Owe Thanks:

I wish to express my sincere thanks for the wonderful response to the request for blood during my recent illness. I know that it was one of the contributing factors in saving my life.

This generous gesture of the "donors" shall never be forgotten by my entire family who join me in extending my thanks to Local 12. I'm sure the Lord will reward them for their kindness.

Wishing the best of everything for an organization which promotes such ideals of humanity, I am,

Gratefully yours,
Mrs. Nettie M. Harbauer.

Largest blood donor groups in the city are maintaing several Local 12 shops. Those who have contributed the largest amounts of blood included Willys-Overland, Spicer, Auto-Lite and Champion Spark Plug Units. Many other units of the Local also maintain their own "blood donors club," whose members receive no compensation except the satisfaction of doing a humanitarian deed.

UAW Women In Detroit For Conference

DETROIT, Dec. 5 (LPA). The problems of women members of the United Auto Workers-CIO, who now make up one third of the union's strength, are the subject of a conference taking place in Detroit Dec. 8 and 9.

In the first such gathering ever held by an international union, active UAW women members from all over the country will thresh out a program to present to the union's executive board at its next meeting. Mrs. Roosevelt will be chief speaker and guest of honor of the union members, according to Mildred Jeffrey, director of the UAW's women's division.

Among the subjects to be discussed are problems of child care and community facilities during the war, as well as the postwar problems of protecting women workers from discrimination.

Recent government figures indicate that there are 300,000 women among the 1,800,000 workers in the aircraft industry alone.

Members of Local 12 and Region 2-B will attend the Detroit conference. Those who are attending from Local 12 include Gwendolyn Jaegle, Merle Kerschman, Marie Healey, Lena Wiliams, Maude Brown, Irene Pierucki, Lillian Carroll and Louise McNought.

House Committee Okays Palestine Resolution

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The House Committee on Foreign Affairs today approved the Palestine resolutions (HR 418-419), which had been referred to the Committee following their introduction in the House of Representatives on January 27, 1944 by Representatives James A. Wright (D., Pa.) and Ranulf Compton (R., Conn.).

Steelworkers Get 5-Cent Raise

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 5 (LPA) —The Wage and Policy Committee of the United Steelworkers-CIO voted acceptance of the WLB's wage increase award of 5c-an-hour but at the same time made it plain that the union would continue fighting for its original demand of a 17c-an-hour pay raise.

The Committee instructed the union's officers to start negotiations with U. S. Steel Corp. and other companies to incorporate provisions of the award into their contracts. The officers were also directed to continue their efforts to have the wage freeze broken.

In Washington, representatives of the companies are putting increasing pressure on OPA for a jump in steel prices which they contend is necessary in view of the wage raise. The raise, amounting roughly to 5c-an-hour, will be supplemented by payments under the retroactivity clause of the award. In some instances these payments will run as high as $200.

Labor Battling Against Social Security Freeze

Enemies Of Security Oppose Legislation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (LPA)—Enemies of the federal security system are trying to undermine any enlargement of such benefits to America's wage earners, representatives of all branches of organized labor have told Congress in the past few days.

At stake is the schedule raising the amount of the payroll tax to cover old age and survivors' insurance from 1 to 2 per cent. The Social Security Act schedules raises in the rates paid into the fund by both employers and workers every two years. Four times, now, this has been blocked by Congress.

The move to block such a rise in the current Congress is led by Sen. Arthur Vandenberg (R., Mich.). The House Ways and Means Committee has already approved freezing the rate at 1%. The House is scheduled to pass this measure, as is the Senate, despite Administration opposition. Only a Presidential veto, most Washington observers say, can stop the drive.

Work For Raise

Both AFL and CIO representatives here have been actively working for the rise to 2%.

"The same groups who support the freezing of contributions," wrote CIO legislative director Nathan Cowan to all members of Congress Dec. 2, "were also opposed to the original old-age insurance program in 1935 and have fought openly or through delaying tactics against the improvement or expansion of the present program. They do not speak for the workers of America; they are not the friends of social security for the American people."

William Green, writing on behalf of the AFL on the eve of a decision in the House committee, wrote to Chairman Doughton urging that it block any freeze. He has written in a similar vein to all members of Congress.

Because the measure was pushed through during the two major labor federations' conventions, the only labor representative appearing before the House committee was Martin Miller, legislative representative of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, who expressed labor's opposition to the freeze.

Camera Club Visitors

Members of the Local 12 Camera Club entertained the Educational and Camera Club Committee of Local 174, Detroit, at their meeting of Nov. 28. Detroit guests who visited Director Arnold Shenofsky and members of the Toledo organization are, standing, left to right: William Hemsley, chairman Educational Committee; Jack Sharp, chairman Local 174 Camera Club; Mickey Cippoletti, co-ordinator. Seated, Ann Terech secretary, and Lottie Szubeczak.

CIO To Assist In Selling Papers

Factories To Be Canvassed By Labor Group

Members of the CIO will again play an important part in the Old Newsboys Goodfellows paper sale to raise funds to provide shoes, clothing and medical care for thousands of Toledo's unfortunate children by selling the special edition of their charity paper in all factories in Toledo. The papers will be sold on Friday, December 22, in the factories and on the streets.

More than $2000 was raised last year by the CIO by the sale of the charity papers in the plants in Toledo. Members of the CIO paper sale committee composed of Thomas Burke, Melvin Schultz, Richard Lazette, Ollie Pecord and Richard Lazette hope to increase this amount this year.

100% Charity

The Old Newsboys Goodfellow organization composed of leading citizens, judges, doctors, lawyers, labor leaders, merchants and others who formerly sold newspapers in Toledo and came up the ladder the hard way, provides aid for youngsters in this city regardless of race, color or creed. The organization is proud of its record of being 100 per cent charity and not spending one cent for overhead.

Not only does the group aid the children but in many instances gives temporary aid in providing payment of rent, furnishes fuel and food, purchases artificial legs, arms and glasses and medical care. Many a person would have been buried in the charity lots of cemeteries were it not for this organization.

Gosser Asks Aid

Richard Gosser, UAW-CIO regional director, an old newsboy himself, gave the paper sale full endorsement. He said, "this organization is one which has existed for many years and has compiled a great record for its work. I know of no worthier cause and urge all our people to purchase one of the charity papers when they are put on sale in the plants."

This year's paper sale is headed by Ray Kest, circulation manager of the Toledo Blade. Judge Harvey Straub is president of the Old Newsboys.

Clear Everything With Big Business Bricker Advises

CLEVELAND, Dec. 4 (LPA) —"Private industry and private business will give us jobs," said Herbert Hoover in Jan. 1931.

"Private industry and private business will give us jobs," declared Gov. Bricker, Republican vice-presidential candidate, on Nov. 29, 1944.

Addressing the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, Gov. Bricker echoed word for word the sentiments of the "Great Engineer" and architect of the depression. President Roosevelt's promise of 60,000,000 postwar jobs need not require the expenditure of federal funds, Bricker told his big business friends. Turn the problem over to industry and industry will produce full employment, decent living wages and collective bargaining guarantees, he said.

Catholic Leaders Observe Co-op Centennial

NOTRE DAME UNIVERSITY (CLNS) — Heeding the injunction of Pope Pius XII that "small and medium holdings in agriculture, the arts, trade and industry must be guaranteed and spported" and that "cooperative unions must provide them with the advantage of big business" the Catholic Committee on Cooperatives, in conference at this University, November 21, emphasized the necessity of returning ownership of productive property to the masses of people and the correlative of "ownership", development of the human personality.

"If I have any ability to understand the meaning of political movements" said Bishop A. J. Muench of Fargo, N. D., "we are in the midst of a political revolution of the 'have-nots.' The people who have been deprived of productive property are asserting themselves. Strange as the word 'proletariat' may sound to American ears, the 'have-nots' or the proletariat have begun to assert themselves politically."

Rev. J. Hugh O'Donnell, CSC President of Notre Dame, welcoming the conference, reminded the visitors of Chesterton's saying that "if you want a man to become a conservative you must give him something to conserve." He added that "this University and of course the Catholic Church are dedicated to the development and the conservation of the human personality."

Workers Council Meets Monday

Members of the Greater Toledo Tool, Die, Construction and Maintenance Workers Council hold their regular meeting, Monday, Dec. 11 at 8:30 p. m. in Parlor "I", Local 12 headquarters, 425 Withrop. Members are urged to attend the meeting and bring a fellow-workers with them.

The Council office at 425 Winthrop St. is open every Monday and Wednesday from 7:00 to 9:00 p. m. for the convenience of those who belong to the Council or whom wish to join. The telephone number is GA. 6962.

Willow Run To Resume Bomber Rate

DETROIT, (LPA) — Announcement that Ford's huge Willow Run plant will turn out its 7000th bomber on Dec. 7th, the anniversary of Pearl Harbor, was coupled this week with disclosure that the plant's schedule will return almost to the bomber-an-hour rate of last summer. More than 4500 bombers have come off the assembly lines since Jan. 1 while more than 1000 changes have been made in the plane's design.

CIO Leaders Reach England

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (LPA) —Three top leaders of the CIO have arrived in London for the meeting on Dec. 4 of the Agenda Committee of the United Nations Labor Conference proposed by the British Trades Union Congress.

Representing the CIO at the sessions planning the January conference are United Auto Workers president R. J. Thomas, Textile Workers president Emil Rieve, Amalgamated Clothing Workers president Sidney Hillman, and John Abt, Amalgamated general counsel.

Thomas and Hillman are expected to remain aboard until the January conference, which will be attended by all CIO officers, according to present plans. Rieve may return to this country in order to press his union's general wage raise case before the War Labor Board.

Labor Demands More Foods

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4 (LPA) —Extension of the number of rationed food items is necessary to provide an equitable distribution of scarce foods to all the people, OPA's labor and consumer committees have told OPA director Chester Bowles.

Recommended for rationing were all unrationed meats and processed vegetables of which supplies are short.

A running disagreement between OPA and War Food Administration over rationing has been referred to Economic Stabilization Director Vinson. Canned goods are being used up too rapidly, according to OPA officials who recommend more rationing to insure better distribution. WFA contends that consumption should be encouraged to prevent postwar surplusses.

Local Plans Annual Christmas Party

Plans are being made for the annual Local 12 Christmas party, the largest of its kind given by any organization in Toledo, according to William Healey, chairman of the Local 12 Christmas Party Committee.

This year's party will again be given in the Civic Auditorium, Sunday, December 17 at 2 P. M. The Civic Auditorium is the only place in the city large enough to accommodate the thousands of children and their parents who attend.

Despite the war, there will be gifts for all children up to 14 years of age. Popcorn balls, candy, toys and games will be handed out to the children by a jolly, rosy-cheeked Santa Claus who is coming here direct from his headquarters just to attend the Local 12 party.

Entertainment Provided

Entertainment consisting of singing, dancing, clowns, specialty acts and movies will be provided for the children and their parents.

To assist in financing the children's Christmas party, a party will be given for adults in Parlor "A" at Local 12 headquarters, 425 Winthrop St. Dec. 10. Funds derived from the Local's party will be turned over to the Christmas Party Committee to aid in defraying their expenses.

All children of Local 12 up to 14 years of age are eligible to receive the gifts of candy, toys, games and other presents which are being made ready by the committee.

This year's party is expected to be on a par with those of other years. One member of Local 12 now serving in the Marines wrote to the Local as follows: "If there's a dings for Local 12 children around Christmas time, those youngsters of mine would enjoy anything. I'm sure."

Music will be provided by the Local 12 band which will play appropriate Christmas tunes. Arnold Shenofsky will be on hand with his accordion to lead the singing.

Tickets for the party which will be held at Local 12 to raise money for the children's Christmas may be obtained by William Healey or members of the Committee or from executive shop committeemen or stewards. The benefit party will be held at Local 12, Sunday evening, Dec. 10.

READ PVT. DUCK

Eddie Duck, former Local 12 educatioal director now being made over by Uncle Sam for the infantry, writes an interesting column from Camp Blanding. Eddie is meeting a lot of your friends in camp and gives his impressions. This is about all the writing Eddie has time for, so don't quit writing to him because he doesn't answer your letters or cards.

Regional Office Adds Two Members

Schick and Topel To Handle Special Assignments

Chris Topel, discharged from the Army several months ago, and Carl W. Schick were recently appointed to the staff of UAW-CIO Regional Director Richard Gosser to handle special assignments.

Director Gosser said that the departments to which the new representatives have been assigned, Topel to the Veterans Committee Department and Schick to the Competitive Shops Department, will add considerably to the greatly expanded program of benefits to members f the UAW-CIO.

Mr. Topel, a member of long standing of Spicer Unit of Local 12 and a former steward and committeeman of that unit, was released from the Army in February of this year after serving slightly more than 16 months. Inducted on October 12, 1942, Topel served in the artillery and was in combat in North Africa. He took part in the landing at Salerno, Italy, and served on the Cassino front.

Interested in Vets

When the National Conference for UAW-CIO Wer Veteranswas held in Washington, on April 6 and 7, 1944, Mr. Topel was one of six delegates from Toledo who attended. He contributed his ideas to the conference, emphasizing the importance of the veteran in the postwar period. He served as a member of the Program Committee for the conference which covered hospitalization, bonus, seniority, pensions, re-employment and other problems peculiar to the veteran.

Appointment of Mr. Topel is a direct result of the Grand Rapids Convention of last September, when the Auto Workers adopted a Veterans Conference Program and incorporated it into its constitution. His duties will consists in aiding UAW Locals and Units in setting up veterans committees to aid the returning servicemen who are looking to labor, particularly the UAW-CIO, to give them guidance and assistance in obtaining jobs or securing proper seniority.

Director Gosser expressed the belief that the Veterans Department is one of great importance when he said," there is no activity of the union of greater im-

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Industrial Women Plan Winter Program

The Industrial Club of the Y. W. C. A., open to all women factory workers, has planned itt winter program, and is inviting all Toledo industrial people to participate.

Each week the industrial women of Toledo swim, dance, take gym and skate in addition to the program. There is a handicraft class for girls wanting to make belts, lapel gagets, etc; and dinner is served every Thursday. Call MAin 5111 for more information.

Remember: Thursday is your day, at the Y.W.C.A.

Spicer Puts Over Newspaper Referendum

Overwhelming support of the referendum which will insure the continuation of the TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL after the war which was reported in the paper two weeks ago, continues to mount as more Units make a report of their vote. The majority needed to insure the passage of the referendum was supplied by the Spicer Unit when it gave 20 votes for the referendum which was sufficient to put the proposal over the top.

Champion Unit voting its convention vote as a block gave its 23 votes in favor of the referendum.

Many Comments Made

Many Unit chairmen and secretaries in informing Local 12 of the outcome of their vote made comments about the paper.

Melvin J. Lazette, secretary of the Toledo Pipe Threading Unit wrote, "I feel very proud to state that the members of our Unit feel the need for the JOURNAL and appreciate all the good it has brought to them in the past."

"We hope all the Units vote as we did" said Al. Cappellety, secretary of the Lakeside Unit in reporting the passage of the referendum with only two dissenting votes.

Carl Lew, chairman of the Airway Unit writing of his Unit's is unanimous passage of the referendum said "the potency of the TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL was discussed by our members, also how the paper can be of great help to all of us, particularly in the postwar era."

Units Voting

Following are the Units which have reported the results of their vote in the past two weeks:

Toledo Pipe Threading—passed unanimously.

Buckeye Paint—passed unanimously.

Ransom & Randolph—passed (1 vote against).

Acklin Unit—passed (block vote).

Acme Specialty—passed unanimously.

Sheets Elevator—passed unanimously.

Gordon—passed unanimously.

Peters Stamping—passed.

Lakeside—passed (two votes against).

Bingham Stamping—passed (block vote).

Spicer—For 77; Against 108; 20 29.

Champion Spark—passed (block vote).

DeVilbiss—lost (block vote).

Commercial Metals—For 47; Opposed 10.

Toledo Steel Tube—passed (unanimously).

Toledo Porcelain Enamel—passed (unanimously).

Union-Busting Drive Opens In California

SAN FRANCISCO Dec. 4 (LPA) — West Coast labor haters and reactionary big business interests are organizing a new attempt to destroy trade unionism in California.

The most recent anti-labor drive was given a fast knockout blow on Nov. 7, when the California electorate overwhelmingly defeated "Proposition 12" — a constitutional amendment which would have outlawed the closed shop and other labor gains.

Undismayed by this beating, however, anti-labor employers and their stooges have now resurrected the discredited "Women of the Pacific" which became notorious in 1941 for activities so suspiciously un-American that they were investigated by the LaFollette Civil Liberties Committee.

Following the same pattern they did in 1941, Women of the Pacific have made it clear in recent weeks that the real fight is not against Hitler and Hirohito but against trade unionism at home.

"Female Hitler" Leads

Conclusive evidence that Women of the Pacific was run by a "female Hitler" whose source of funds is employers fighting organization of their employes was documented by the "Labor Citizen."

Currently, Women of the Pacific has taken a new lease on life with the circulation of a petition titled "Regulation of Labor Organizations and Labor Relations." Calling for an open shop state law together with every feature of Proposition 12 and some new angles added, the petition must have the signature of 111,727 registered voters for it to be presented to the State Legislature for action on Jan. 8. Failure of the Legislature to act within 40 days would automatically place the measure on the ballot at the next general election.

Labor leaders are concerned about beating down this new attack on labor's rights not only because of what it would do to trade unionism in California but also because it would quickly become the pattern for similar laws in other states and eventually in Congress.

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portance than aiding the discharged servicemen. The work of the Veterans Committee will increase in scope and importance as more and more men are returned to civilian life. We must be prepared to help our boys who have done so much for their country."

New Regional Department

In the appointment of Carl Schick, Region 2-B for the first time will have representation in the Competitive Shops Department although this is not a new development in the UAW-CIO.

Mr. Schick is also a member of Spicer Unit and holds seniority in that plant dating back to 1930. He has had wide shop experience including drafting, machine operator and set-up man. He formerly was employed at Auto-Lite. He is also experienced in gear work, grinding, tapping, cutting and assembling.

As a worker in Spicer, Mr. Schick actively aided in the formation of Local 18384 Federal Labor Union which later became Local 12, UAW-CIO. A leader in his shop, he has served on shop committees almost continuously since the union started. He walked picket lines in Toledo, Detroit, Hillsdale, Monroe and South Bend and has been an active and militant member of Local 12.

Mr. Schick was assigned to his present work on Nov. 15. His headquarters are located on the fourth floor of Local 12 with the Regional UAW-CIO headquarters. His duties will include Assisting Locals and Units interested in competitive shops with their problems. He is married and has four children, two boys and two girls.

Prison-Made War Goods Valued at $25,000,000

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Nearly $25,000,000 worth of war goods was tured out by the ation's prisons in the four months between July 1 and Nov. 1. Production included steel pontoons, ammunition and rifle boxes, camouflage netting, submarie and cargo nets and work clothes.

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Political Action

by Clayton Rusch
Chairman of the Political Action Committee

On Saturday, Dec. 2, 1944, a conference of the Ohio PAC was held in the Hollenden Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio. All sections of the State were represented. The past progress of the PAC was discussed and the question of what type of organizational structure we must have for a permanent PAC.

Experience thus far has shown that a successful PAC program must be built on an effective functioning Ward and Township Club organizational set up.

While it must be admitted that the results of the last election do not warrant any crowing in Lucas County, it must also be recognized that no better system of building Ward and Township Clubs has been devised than that provided for in the By-Laws of the Lucas County PAC.

Our method is to break down the membership into Ward and Township Club according to where the members reside.

The next step is to hold meetings in each Ward or Township for the members of that Club. This constitutes a NUCLEUS for a Ward or Township Club.

At the first successful meeting Club officers are elected.

Each Club has two delegates to the City Central Committee which meets the first Tuesday of each month and is the policy-making body of the Lucas County Organization.

This nucleus in each Ward and Township must develop canvassers to cover the neighborhood and acquaint the residents with the program of the PAC.

LONG CLIMB

To make our organization effective is a long uphill climb. Yet we can tell from the adverse publicity launched against us by the reactionaries that we have gotten off to a good start.

The principal task before those of us who are determined to make Political Action tick is that we must avoid any lull or let down in our efforts in the next few months.

We have as of now, four CIO members in the State Senate. This is a small minority, but is a beginning.

The City Councilmanic elections come up next in '45, and in '46 is a Congressional election which will determine whether the incoming Congress will be Liberal or Reactionary.

This Congressional election will take place in the middle of the Presidential term. It will be less colorful than the one in '44 and the Big Business interests are counting on the workers indifference so they can slip in an anti-labor legislature both on the national and state scale. This must not be allowed to occur.

Ward and Township Clubs must be built so well in the meantime, that by 1946 the PAC WILL HAVE THE SAY-SO TO WHO GETS ELECTED TO PUBLIC OFFICE.

This is a large order. So was building the CIO a large order, but it was done.

Although a lot of work will be involved in building PAC to the point where it becomes the MAJOR FORCE in American Politics, the benefits to the workers which can be obtained through the enactment of social legislation will more than justify the work expended in the building of PAC.

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UAW To Enter Field of Radio

Plans Post-War Educational Project

DETROIT, Dec. 2—Application for FM radio station licenses in six major cities have been filed with the Federal Communications Commission on behalf of the United Automobile Workers, CIO, UAW president R. J. Thomas announced today. The applications were filed with the FCC by the radio engineering firm of Woodward and Keel of Washington and request licenses for FM broadcasting in Detroit, Flint, Cleveland, Los Angeles, Chicago, and Newark, New Jersey.

Thomas emphasized that in entering the radio field, the UAW-CIO was anxious to cooperate with all progressive elements in the field in the furtherance of freedom of exprssion. He said that the UAW was not so much interested in the narrow application of this ideal to labor problems only but "in the greatest educational advantage for the whole listening public."

Postwar Project

Thomas explained that while the FCC was entertaining applications for FM licenses now, it was unlikely that the Commission would take any action until radio broadcasting equipment was released after the war.

The purpose of the UAW in entering the FM broadcasting field, according to a statement of purpose signed by Thomas and George F. Addes, Secretary-Treasurer of the UAW-CIO, and filed with the FCC, is to "concentrate on educational features, including the arts, literature, economics, political and social sciences."

Education Program Planned

The statement outlines the educational program envisioned by the UAW-CIO for broadcast over this new medium of public communication.

"As part of the educational program and related thereto, the history and current problems of the labor movement will be discussed. As bearing on the subject of labor, both industry and the consumer will receive adequate representation in thorough discussion of their mutual problems."

The UAW-CIO will undertake FM broadcasting, said the two UAW officials, "to enhance the cause of our political, economic and social democracy"... through affording "all groups and classes such freedom of speech and opportunities for discussion as to be unparalleled in the history of the radio broadcasting industry."

Teamsters Elected FDR — They Say

NEW ORLEANS, December 2 —(LPA) — The AFL's International Brotherhood of Teamsters last week claimed major credit for the re-election of President Roosevelt.

A signed article in the Intl. Teamster, official union publication, distributed to the AFL convention's 600 delegates, declared that "many radio commentators, in fact all of them, say that the CIO-PAC, which was composed almost entirely of CIO organizations, was responsible for the election of President Roosevelt.

"The only credit that can be given to PAC," the article continues, "is that they helped considerably in the registration; at least that's what we think. We are not sure but what the registration would have been what it finally was as a result of the appeals made by the leading statesmen of the country of both parties... even if PAC had never prevailed.

"When the actual facts come out," the article concluded, "it will be known that the Teamsters" International Union with its great influence in the AFL was more responsible for the election of Roosevelt than any other influence in America."

Newspapers Charge Reputed By Gov't.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4 (LPA) —Signs of a new anti-labor drive by the Scripps-Howard newspaper chain, similar to the charges of absenteeism leveled against war workers last year, are seen in the publication of a cartoon in their papers last week. The drawing shows the outstretched hand of a dead soldier on the battlefront. Near it is a sign: "We had no ammunition to return their fire."

Putting the quietus on the charges that workers are causing munitions shortages by leaving war work in droves are official government figures compiled here.

They show that a smaller proportion of workers in munitions industries have quit voluntarily than have left all other industries. This is true for every month of this year. The "voluntary quit rate" compiled by manpower and government officials shows that it is 30% less in munitions than in the combined rate for all other industries.

Veterans Program Expanding

Many new faces were seen at the meeting of the Local 12 Veterans Committee held at Local 12 headquarters last Monday night.

New ideas and additional policies were discussed by those who took part in the meeting and discussion. Principal discussion centered about the Veterans Seniority Supplement drawn up and approved by the International union, UAW-CIO which was explained by International representative Chris Topel.

In discussing the continuation of the organizational work of the Veterans Committee, Chairman Ted Modrowski who presided over the meeting told the members that "the Veterans Committee is not a face saving proposition, but a union service to all men who have served in the armed forces of the country."

Not Anti-Union

It was the opinion of the group that the returning servicemen are not anti-union although it was agreed that they have been subjected to a considerable amount of anti-union propaganda.

A question and answer period was set aside for discussion of the veterans problems. The period brought out the statement that the principal purpose of the commitee would be to see that the returning servicement "get a square deal and not a raw deal."

Chairman Modrowski expressed himself as being pleased with the results of the first two meetings, but said he believed the committee should be much larger. Plans were discussed for visiting all Unit meetings with members of the committee to explain the Veterans Committee to the members and seek to secure greater cooperation in setting up the Local and Unit groups.

Election Postponed

Election of officers for the committee was postponed by the unanimous action of the group. It was the opinion of the members of the committee that the election should be deferred until the group had reached greater growth.

Meetings of the Veterans Committee are held the first Monday of each month. All servicemen of World War I and II are urged to attend and become members.

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Ask Congress Hearing On Firing of Littell

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 (LPA). Congressman Jack Voorheis (D., Calif.) has introduced a resolution asking for a House investigation into the reasons that President fired Assistant Attorney General Norman Littell.

Attorney General Biddle last week asked for Littell's resignation, and when Littell refused to quit, the fight between the two men hit the front pages of the papers.

Littel has taken a lead in several controversies in which labor and liberal groups here have manifested a strong interest.

Most recently, he exposed the way in which ex-surplus property administrator Will C. Clayton handed over land disposal to the big real estate interests, to the detriment of the small, family-ype farmer. His testimony played an important part in getting a surplus property disposal bill better controls over the administration, passed in Congress. Clayton resigned when the new bill was passed. Attorney General Biddle sent Clayton a letter which Clayton displayed to the Congressional committee working on the surplus bill, in which Biddle said that Littell did not speak for the Justice Dept.

Defied Standard Oil

Littell defied the Standard Oil Co. in the case of the lease of the Elk Hills oil field in California, which at one point threatened to be another "Teaopt Dome" scandal.

Littell attributes his firing by Biddle to his resistance to a "deal" which would have favored a client of Tommy Corcoran, former government official, and a close friend of both Biddle and Roosevelt. Littell, in a 12,000 word report to the Senate War Investigating Committee, claimed that he had prevented a "scandalous" settlement of a condemnation case against Savannah Shipyards, the Corc[illegible] client. The firm had fail[illegible] establish a going concern, [illegible] the Maritime Commission had asked the Justice Dept. to bring proceedings against the company.

Labor Unions Opposed to Poll Tax

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1 — The National Committee to Abolish the Poll Tax announced today that within five days of each other, the two largest bodies of organized labor have passed resolutions expressing their opposition to the poll tax and favoring federal legislation for its abolition.

A. F. of L. action closely followed that of the CIO convention which met in Chicago last week. The general resolution on the franchise, proposed by the CIO Executive Board and passed unanimously, follows in part:

"Resolved, The CIO pledges to continue its determined effort to have Congress enact legislation eliminating the poll tax requirement which now prevails in eight of our states . . ."

Commenting on the resolutions, Mrs. Virginia Foster Durr, vice-chairman of the National Committee to Abolish the Poll Tax, states:

"We are delighted to know that we still have the united support of labor which we have had from the beginning of the fight.

"I think that the organized forces of labor are the greatest bulwark of democracy in the country, and they have again reiterated their belief that a free ballot is the foundation stone of democracy."

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Seeing Eye—W-O Unit

CONVENTION REPORT

The C. I. O. Convention was a fine one, the largest we ever attended. It was held in the spacious Ball Room of the Stevens Hotel in Chicago and it has the largest chandeliers that we ever saw outside of Radio City in New York.

Philip Murray was tops in all of his speeches which might account for all the harmony.

Chicago lives right up to the name of "Windy City" and those much vaunted stock yards contained a lot of smell and darn few animals.

We think the opening speech by Bishop Sheils was outstanding. He spoke on annual wage and the cracking of the little steel formula so the workers in the lower brackets can have enough money each week after all expenses are paid to bank for a rainy day.

The first lady of the land, Eleanor Roosevelt, spoke the same day on raising the wages of the underpaid school teachers, especially the rural teachers.

On Tuesday the friend of the common man, Henry Wallace, spoke also on Chicago's Rabbis and every one got a delegates badge pinned on them. Mrs. Roosevelt thanked the members of the CIO or what the members did as citizens and Wallace spoke a great deal on the subject of the P. A. C.

We understand that the pheasant tails will be high and the cotton tails low now that hunting season is over. Also we expect to see more of the two big game hunters and bulls eye shooters of Dept. 645, 1st shift by the name of Claude Nadeau and Hank Marlow.

It seems the longer the company works on the ventilation in Dept. 605 the worse it gets. The many brothers and sisters who have to work in there on the 2nd and 3rd shfits all have our sympathy as we think that the smoke in this Dept. should have been eliminated by this time for the amount of money the company has spent.

We are beginning to wonder if they are trying to rid the Dept. of the smoke. We wonder what the next alibi will be. We should be able to accomplish a great deal as we now have a new chief engineer who is accomplishing wonders by going through the plant with a note book in his hand noting down all the holes in the floor and burned out electric lights.

Hot news right off the press!!! Floyd Shaddy, steward of 601 Shell Forge, 3rd trick, has been saving his money for the last four years and is now going to take a rest. Floyd and the Mrs. are leaving for Florida where he expects to lay in the hot sand and loosen up those joints of his. Floyd had a little bad luck during the last strike that almost tied up his Dept. His garage burned down and he has never found out what caused it. Well Floyd we all hope you have a good time and will look forty years younger when you return to work.

Doc. Daugherty, steward of 382, 3rd shift, looks like himself again. Doc had a very serious skin poisoning and was confined to Robinwood Hospital for several weeks. We are glad that he is O. K.

Your friend and mine, Brother Andy Jones, is making rapid strides to a complete recovery and will probably pay us a visit one of these days.

We think the canteen service in Dept. 605 could stand a 100 per cent improvement by the Home Made Box Lunch hiring more waitresses so the workers would not have to stand in line as long as they do. How about it Mrs. St. Aubin?

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Lakeside Unit

Chatter

Negotiations finally came to a close last Wednesday with the final hearing before the Tri-Panel in the Secor Hotel. We hope the final decision isn't too far away. After the meeting, Armstrong and Woodgate were seen in a huddle with Mr. Biglow, (the employer end of the panel). We wonder if Mr. Woodgate wasn't trying to persuade Biglow to send a few of those men (running around the woods for a job) over to Lakeside. We don't seem to be able to hire men or girls that easy. But maybe "Mr. Biglow" doesn't know we have a starting rate of .50 for girls and .69½ for men.

We hear that the commitee gathered over at Charlie Marks for a private meeting the other day, but won't go there any more. Anyone interested in knowing why, ask Theresa Wintermantle.

Our shop has been asked from time to time to put a column in the UNION JOURNAL. We have endeavored to the best of our ability to do this. Any items put in this paper are put in only in the spirit of good clean fun and sportsmanship. It is our intention to slight no one, and if we have done so in the past, we're sorry. Whoever has been hurt in the past, we will see that their name doesn't appear in this column in the future. It is our endeavor to please the majority not the minority, so anyone not interested in our shop, we can only say—don't read this column, because it is not going to be discontinued just to please a few.

We are sorry to hear Clyde Wheeler (truck drive) is back in the hospital for the third time. Come on Clyde, snap out of it. You know, you're not a baby any more.

Irma Reed (Icing Dept.) is happy these days, and why not —her son Clayton is home after serving 21 months overseas.

Helen Royston and Helen Friesh "the champ" are gathering quite a crowd in the dressing room on those five minute reliefs.

The Bond Drive Committee reports, we didn't quite reach our quotas. Perhaps, with a little more cooperation from the management, we would have. Don't forget, we meet Friday, December 15th for our regular meeting. So far our attendance has been pretty good, but could be improved, so make it your business to be there.

Schultz Answers Letter

Dear Anonymous:

I have your letter of November 28, 1944, wherein you state in one place, "The Labor Union is certainly proving to be a blessing in disguise," and then go on to show a lack of understanding about labor unions. This, to me, gives promise of a member of our organization who is keenly interested in learning more of the functions of a labor organization as such, as well as a desire to understand the human beings that go to make up such an organization.

Since you did not sign your name, I can only answer you by this means and invite you to call on me at any time. I would, however, appreciate your phoning me at MAin 9126 so that a definite appointment may be made.

Fraternally yours,
MELVIN M. SCHULTZ,
President, Local 12, UAW-CIO.

Canco Unit

Opener

By Ted Modrowski

REMEMBER

Remember the "piece-work days", when you had to work like h—— or be told, "There are 10 guys at the gate waiting for your job?"

The pleasant fishing trips during that 10-week "vacation" in 1937?

The Toledo Peace Board election which decided our being a unit of Local 12?

How we got individual raises to keep us from joining the Union?

How promises failed to keep so many of us from joining organized labor?

The picnics at Whitehouse that we all enjoyed?

The bowling leagues we had when management was interested?

The days when we all got "ceegars" when a guy or gal middle aisled it?

Those week-end auto trips we all took not too long ago?

That grand 40-hour week that we all appreciated—more now than then?

The Christmas party Canco had for the kids ONCE?

The days when John Hollaway was our superintendent?

The resentment that was voiced when new foremen would be "imported"?

The quick and screwy promotions that took place when A. T. Augman took over?

You all have some memories about the "good old days". Jot them down and once each month we will devote the column to memories.

HERE AND THERE

Some do it because they hate themselves, some do it because they hate others. Then it has been said that some individuals have done it to spite their faces, but we'll be darned if we know why Mona Polcyn is letting that eyebrow grow under his nose. Maybe he bet on Dewey.

Joy Powers, chief warrant officer in the 37th Division, is home from the South Pacific. Too bad he isn't back here to stay.

Letters continued to come in on the "What do you think of management?" contest, but as the editor mentioned last week, they are libelous. Will the people please attempt to write their opinions and make them printable?

Word has reached us that the 6th War Bond Drive is meeting with success. Keep it up, folks.

The next meeting of the American Can Unit is on Wednesday, Dec. 13, at 8 p. m. in Parlor "A." We will be ready to discuss the panel report on our case before the War Labor Board.

On The

Surface

By Ralph Thompson

The general idea floating around the shop now is what happens to those who don't belong to the Unit. Well brothers, your guess is just as good as anyone else's. That's up for you to decide. Do they take a free ride or what. The contract doesn't say they go out but with certain conditions, they may wish they had. When the war is no longer, these boys will be no longer.

Please pardon the mistake in the items of the last issue. Miss Goodman says the company's blueprint office was too busy. We'll take your word for it this time.

Perhaps it would be best not to write this, but I'll take my chances. What's happened to two of our welders? Is it so-long boys or just one of those fantastic rumors.

Gene Butts wonders what will happen to him if he stays with S. C. for another 40 years.

JUST AROUND THE CORNER

John Mattimore wonders what what would happen to one of our committeemen if he got a bad case of laryngitis.

Ellis Duncan saying nice words to Miss Jene — Careful Jack Merrill may not like you.

Paul White still thinks he's in the army air force. We see him flying around the shop occasionally and they aren't his wings eithers.

Charlie Orzechowski don't know what to do or go fishing. If he listens to Wilbur Kay, he'll go fishing—Where?

Our first guess is that John Benner and Harold Richmond would out-build any other combination on the 10,000 gallon quench tank. Next thing we know they'll be swimming in them.

Commutator Comments

Sunday, Dec. 10 is the regular Unit meeting. Let's all attend and find out what the score is. This should be a hot meeting with a keg of cool and refreshing "suds" after.

Mildred Sypes hubby must know by now that two can't live as cheaply as one. So far, love hasn't effected Millies appetite whatever.

THINK IT OVER

Why not keep that extra half-dollar, the one you may be planning on donating for a Christmas present for the boss and toss it in the soldier's fund? You know it will be appreciated.

There are a few people who might get the impression that the writer of this column is prejudiced against bosses. This isn't true. It isn't that we dislike bosses, but we do dislike to see people contribute their hard-earned sheckels to buying gifts for someone who later on refers to them as "suckers." This recalls to mind an old school chum(p) who sobbed whenver the teacher scolded him and who even got flunked—and after all the nice shiny apples he had given her.

Ain't is just ducky the way Ole Grandad smiles at the little blonde job on assembly each time after he slips her one of those packs of LSMFT's?

Have you noticed Lefty's sudden interest in the assemblers? Was it really about football, or is he in hopes Cady will fumble, giving him (Lefty) an opportunity to carry the ball from his former position sometime?

Pegler, PM Sued For $1,000,000

SAN FRANCISCO, December 6 (LPA)—Damage suits totaling $1,000,000 will be filed shortly against Westbrook Pegler and PM, New York newspaper, by the Intl. Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union-CIO, it was announced here by the union.

The ILWU seeks $500,000 from Pegler for two allegedly slanderous columns which appeared Sept. 26-27, and $500,000 from PM for a series of articles written by James A. Wechsler.

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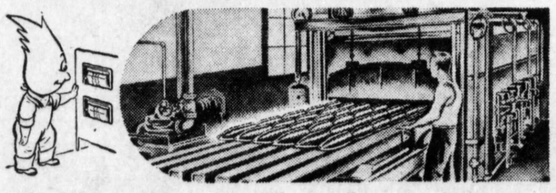

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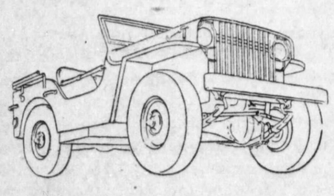

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The Directive Order has been signed. Mr. Robert Snyder signed for management — Richard Gosser, Regional Director, Melvin M. Schultz President, Cyrus "Toots" Martin and your executive committee signed for Local 12. We give Mr. Snyder credit for being very genial.

Many of the clauses of the "Directive Order" were dictated by the Regional War Labor Board, and as such seem to me to be detrimental to a good workable contract.

We are a young unit and have a lot to learn as we go along. We have made some mistakes, but with the experiences gained, these mistakes will be eliminated in the next contract.

These Contracts are the controls of our relations with management, so if you see anything that you think will help to frame a better contract, put your ideas in writing and present it to any steward or executive committeeman and they will see that it gets thorough consideration.

DECEMBER 14TH

Attend your shift's unit meeting on December 14th. A thorough discussion of contract proposals will be initiated and you will be able to speak for or against any such legislation.

The winning raffle tickets will be drawn and the winners named. Here's the best of luck to youse guys and gals. So let's see and hear you at the meeting.

Many of us have watched regretfully the leaving of our good friend "Miss Cox." Little lady, you are leaving more friends out in the plant than you realize—Good luck, Missy.

EGG-ITORIAL

Yep, that poultry and egg man in the tool room, who hails from the tall sand dunes of Michigan, is still carrying on his extra line of business, while others of us are stopped from bolstering our lagging spirits by making coffee. Talk about discrimination—Why talk? Actions speak louder.

The

Acklinite

By Lewis Mattox

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS:

If you are in doubt on layoffs, calls to work—welfare or any other problems, contact your department committeemen. They are elected to serve you and will if they are contacted.

Brother Casper Stanley took his vacation, singing that old familiar phrase, "A hunting I will go." It seems that the boy went down Texas way, to get that game. They claim he bagged a bear, rabbits and some birds. The rest we leave up to you.

ATTENTION

The election of officers for the coming year for Toledo Industrial Union Council will be held at 611 Huron, Thursday, December 14th. Please make plans to attend. Time—8:30.

DIE SHOP

The boys are getting interested in the skilled trades department. Brother Williams and Herroon leading the parade. The boys in the Die Shop are interested in their own and their Union brother's welfare and are proving it. Swell going boys.

Brother Randy Gray is getting to be a familiar boy out Acklin way. It seems that our union-minded people appreciate his attention to our shop. We hope that he can devote a little time to our shop. He is a very busy boy being a full time officer of Local 12—Financial Secretary.

The Air man, Brother Dennis Lower is quite busy these days. The girls keep him jumping adjusting the air on their machines.

Sister Bertha Dawson's grandson is home from the hospital.

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The union office is flooded with letters of appreciation from the soldiers to whom Christmas gifts were sent. The effort was well worth the happiness it brought to many. This is to thank all of you for such a thoughtful gesture. It was appreciated more than you can imagine. A couple samples of the letters follow.

"Dear Champion members:

"It sure was a mighty pleasant surprise to receive that $10.00 money order. I had no idea it was coming. The gift was very thoughtful of the employees. If the rest of the service boys are like me they can sure use the money. It's also nice to be remembered even though we are not around now.

"The Navy is still okay. I'm getting along all right so far. Hope to get around to see all you folks soon. Give everyone my regards."

(signed) Dean Lahr.

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"Dear Members of the Champion Unit:

"I received the very welcome early Christmas money order and am thankful to find out I'm so well remembered by the old gang in such a way. As you know our earning power at this time is very low, so any gift of this sort is more than just a gift. It is a symbol, which means more than mere words could ever express.

"Thanking you very much on behalf of my family and myself, I remain a very faithful member of your unit."

(signed) Pvt. Charles Snyder.

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Many compliments have been turned in to the union office on the improved food in the restaurant. The new cook is certainly an improvement over the last one. This is a special tribute to her for the fine food she is putting out. Now if the third shift ca be straightened out we should have ideal conditions in the restaurant. We believe Gladdeaux will give us the necessary co-operation to bring this about.

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Recount

In the light of the evidence presented by a vote recount in 20 Lucas County precincts, where a candidate was declared defeated and upon recheck was elected, it is not surprising that the Democrats are requesting a recount on the contest between Senator Robert A. Taft and William G. Pickrel.

If 20 precincts would change the complexion of an election in the case of a state representative, what would a recount of the 9306 precincts of Ohio reveal when Senator Taft won by a scant 17,997 votes?

Board of Election officials in all sections of Ohio, particularly the large industrial cities, complained of the great difficulty which they experienced in securing an adequate number of workers to man the voting places and sort and count ballots. Many experienced election workers are employed on jobs where they make more money than they would receive as election workers.

As a result of the inexperience of a large number of booth officials, the vote was slow in being tabulated. Many election workers, finding the task monotonous and slow became impatient and, as the count progressed, possibly became careless. Not a few complained of the poor pay for the large amount of work which was required of them.

Add up all the factors involved, inexperienced booth officials, a large vote, split tickets and many candidates, and it is not too difficult to believe that a recheck of the vote would alter the results in many cases where the vote was as close as in the senatorial race.

Because the time for demanding a recount has passed, it is quite possible, indeed highly probable, that the secretary of state will refuse to permit a recount in Lucas County. Being a member of the Republican Party, Mr. Hummel will, in all likelihood, go along with the Republican members of the Lucas County Board of Elections who voted against a recount.

Should this occur, and we believe it will, the matter should be referred to Washington and made the subject of a congressional investigation. Confidence in our democratic right to vote demands that there be no doubt in the minds of the voters as to the outcome of any close race under the conditions which prevailed during the November 7 elections.

It is doubtful if there was any widespread attempt to swing the election by dishonest means. Regardless, the results of the senatorial race were not too conclusive and no doubt were effected to some extent by the inexperience and inefficiency of a large number of election workers.

It is our belief that the senatorial election should be re-examined and a recount made, not only in Toledo, but throughout the rest of the state, where the vote was more contentrated. If the Republican secretary of state refuses to permit this as requested, the matter should be referred to a higher authority. As matters now stand, there is a reasonable doubt in the minds of thousands of people that Senator Taft was really re-elected.

Freezing Security

Efforts made by big business interests to prevent an increase of payments into the federal social security fund are in line with the freeze which has been put upon the workers' wages.

The same people who originally opposed social legislation to provide unemployed workers with compensation, are opposed to increasing the payments into the security fund. They want to freeze the security which was grudgingly given and unwillingly maintained.

Everything that the workers have won in the way of beneficial legislation has been fought for. Everything for which the workers hope will be won in the same way. It is perhaps just as well that this is true, for it keeps the workers aware of their status in this democratic country, and aids them to realize that only through unity can they secure the things to which they are entitled.

"It is now no more that toleration is spoken of as if it was by the indulgence of one class of people that another enjoyed the exercise of their inherent rights. The government of the United States, which gives to bigotry no sanction, requires only that they who live under its protection should demean themselves as good citizens, in giving it on all occasions their effectual support."

—GEORGE WASHINGTON, from a speech in which he promised religious freedom to a Hebrew congregation in Newport, R. I., in 1790.

What's New?

By *Edward Duck*
On Leave With The Army

A SMALL WORLD

The guy who first cooked up the story about servicemen hating unions and continually crabbing about "strikes", evidently didn't expect anyone to pry into the facts.

Certainly the American infantryman typifies the spirit of the soldier of World War II. His rifle is the deadliest shoulder weapon in the history of warfare, and he knows how to use it. He is the best trained foot-soldier in the world. In short, to use the words of Nelson Eddy on a recent radio program "he is the man who fights through mud and steel." No war can be won without him.

Camp Blanding is full of infantrymen—not just trainees, like myself, but men who have fought in the Aleutians, in Europe and in the South Pacific. Some have been wounded in action, others have been lucky. The trainees will see action too in one of the theatres of war.

NOT ANTI-UNION

Since coming here, I've looked around a bit, and believe me there's no trace of anti-union feeling among the men. They agree that a union can be either a very good thing or a corrupt organization depending upon what type of leaders are selected by union members.

Most of the men here are former industrial workers. They have seniority in plants and hope to return to their jobs when the war is over. Here are a few illustrations:

My buddy, Rollie Osterhaut, hails from the Packard Unit of Local 12. Without his mustache he closely resembles Al Kenngott, former Champion Unit chairman.

Company C's cook is Sgt. Joe King from Ft. Wayne. His brother, Pete, works at Auto-Lite.

Our guide, Joe Blair, is an uncle of Orville Blair of Auto-Lite. Joe worked for the Columbus plant of the Surface Combustion but doesn't feel too happy about it.

"Where have I seen you before?" asked a lad named Walter Pilaski. It developed that I had sent him out to Willys for a job while working in Local 12 employment office. His father, Lawrence, and sister, Helen, also work out at Willys.

LIGHTWEIGHT BOXER

Our company's lightweight boxing representative, Bernie Debs, is a former UAW-CIO steward who helped organize the Fisher Aircraft in Cleveland.

During my stay at Camp Atterbury, I stepped up to the company clerk to sign for payroll deductions and Charlie Lempke, from Spicer's heat treat department, looked up, recognized me, and talked union long enough to let me know he had received a military bonus amounting to $108 through the Union's contract.

Clyde Crouse, whose father caught for the White Sox, is here, although he has five children. Clyde wants it known that he was a good CIO member while at GM's Remy plant in Muncie.

John Crites from Akron's Goodyear Aircraft, informs me that he was a former member of the Garagemen's Unit of Local 12. He worked at Jordonoff's on Cherry St. and says the CIO helped him plenty.

Even the old gent at the PX holds a withdrawal card from the UAW in Jackson, Mich.

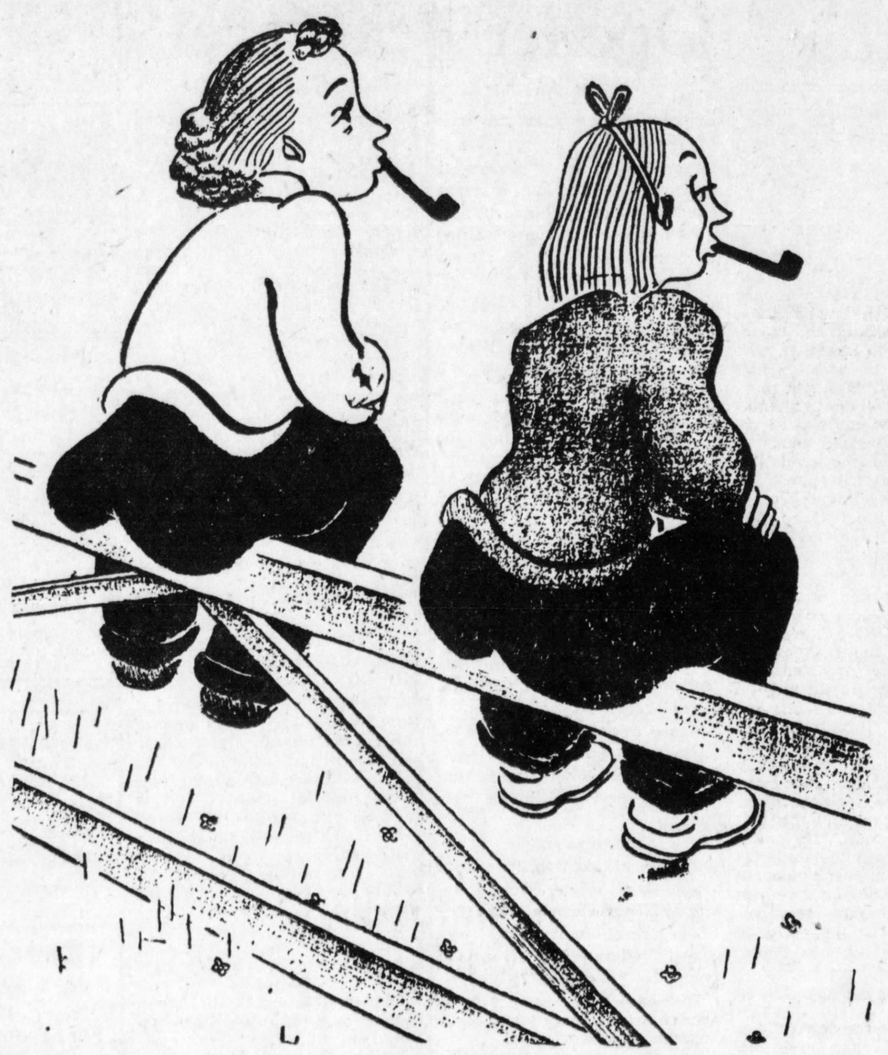
The bunk about servicemen not liking unions is a vicious falsehood. They resent John L. Lewis' methods, and those who come from Toledo, Detroit and Cleveland are disgusted with the MESA's recent strikes, but they are for the CIO and give it a lot of credit.

EVEN THE OFFICERS HAVE READ MY COPY OF THE TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL AND THINK IT'S DARNED GOOD READING.

A few days ago, I received a postcard from a fellow Local 12 member stationed here inviting me to look him up. His name is Pvt. D. E. Logan and his wife sends him the TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL.

So you see, servicemen are people, and union members are people too. Only some of them—just a few—can be fooled ALL of the time.

What Cigarette Shortage?



It's News To Me . . .

By O. J. Pecord

COMFORT FOR MATT

Matt Smith, the brain behind the raiding MESA, must have been plenty comforted last week by an article which appeared in a local shop paper which used Matt's as an expedient to damn "a UAW-CIO regional director." Even Matt, must have been able to see through the thin veneer which was parading in the guise of personal conviction.

Nobody is going to argue that the MESA hasn't attempted to raid the UAW-CIO because of the latter's no-strike pledge.

Nobody is going to deny anyone else their opinion, that the no-strike pledge may be a mistake, or try to take it away from others who are sincere in their beliefs in the opposite direction.

Nobody is going to deny that the MESA has had very little success in raiding the Auto Workers, any more than they can deny that jurisdictional fights and raiding are as old as labor unions and occured before there was either a CIO or an MESA.

What is resented, is the grasping upon the no-strike pledge and using it, not as an argument, but as a weapon to turn against "a UAW-CIO regional director." Incidentally, this "regional director" caused Mr .Smith some anxious moments during the last MESA walkout to such an extent that Matthew will pause a bit before attempting to steal any more workers from the UAW.

IGNORANT OF FACTS?

Grasping upon the no-strike pledge, the writer of the article in the local shop paper accused "a UAW-CIO regional director" of condoning the use of the Army and ordering his own members to man the jobs deserted by the striking MESA members. The writer of "MESA Strike Or Strange Fruit" doesn't tell the whole story. Either he is ignorant of the facts, or has been misinformed, or is publishing his own opinions as facts. In either case, he is guilty of half-truths which are worse than deliberate falsifications.

Obviously, the writer of "Strange Fruit" has a log of his own to roll, for nobody would write such tripe unless they were blinded by their own opinions and a prejudices, or wished to blacken the reputation of "a UAW-CIO director."

It was my privilege to participate in the MESA meetings and observe "a UAW-CIO regional director" to whom the writer of "Strange Fruit" refers without mentioning him by name, apparently sold on the FDR technique of not mentioning Dewey's name once during the recent political campaign.

Despite the fact that Matt Smith on his own admission is a militant atheist, a philosophical anarchist (probably more to the left than the writer of "Strange Fruit") and one of the world's really great self-admitted intellects, Matt took the trimming of his life and quit his strike like a whipped puppy. And "a UAW-CIO regional director" was there to give it to him.

THE OTHER CHEEK

Despite his carefully worded article, the author of "Strange Fruit" was unable to conceal the fact that he dislikes "a UAW-CIO regional director" more cordially than he dislike the MESA. He tries to tell his readers that they should remember union "ethics" and turn their other cheek for Matt Smith and the MESA to slug.

What the writer of the shop paper article apparently is trying to convey, in addition to his dislike for "a UAW-CIO regional director," is that it is wrong for the Auto Workers to defend themselves from MESA opportunists who have nothing to offer but empty promises and more strikes against the Auto Workers to intimidate them into joining up with MESA for dear old Matt from Merrie, Merrie England.

For the author of "Strange Fruit" to speak of union ethics in the same breath in which he speaks of the MESA is as ridiculous as the devil quoting the bible, although we understand he can do it. No doubt, the "militant" who wrote this brilliant attack "Strange Fruit," would refuse to walk through a picket line thrown around his plant by the MESA for the purpose of raiding the UAW to which the writer of "Strange Fruit" proclaims his conditional allegiance.

Having accused "a UAW-CIO regional director" of condoning the use of the Army and stating that the UAW-CIO leadership had the Army brought in to break the MESA strike, the writer ends his ill-concealed venom by saying, "we have had an opportunity to see strange fruit. And it is strange fruit in the UAW-CIO.

With the concluding statement of the shop paper article we are in total agreement, for we too have observed "strange fruit in the UAW-CIO," fruit which is so obvious that even the best efforts of those who are effected by it cannot hide the bitterness which this fruit brings to them.

Yes, it is "strange fruit," and in the case of the writer in the shop paper, it is a fruit which is well known to the disgruntled, to the discontented who have erred in the past even as they now err. Methinks the fruit is—SOUR GRAPES!

Servicemen's Letters

Sticks By Bottle

Dear Mr. Gosser:

I received your letter the other day and was glad to hear from you. It's always good to hear from the folks at home. I was planning on coming down to the plant, while on furlough, but never got the chance. I guess I just hated to leave a bottle all by itself. The only thing wrong with a furlough is that they don't last long enough, but they are great while they do last. We've got about four more weeks of Engineering training to take and what we'll do then, no one knows, but you can be sure they'll find something, but I guess we are getting off easy compared to what the boys over there are going through. I've asked for overseas duty three times and they wouldn't give it to me, so if they get me over now, they sure are going to push.

I know how it is when you try and answer all the mail you receive. I have a tough time keeping up with mine, but I like to write, but we don't have much time for it. You see the engineer works almost 24 hours a day. Building bridges and tearing them down at night and training during the day.

I want to thank you and all the other folks who have anything to do with box sending. They sure come in handy. Don't you think the folks at home should have a share of the praise, because they sure are doing a great job of getting us the things we need to carry on with. We appreciate what they are doing and know they won't let us down. Well, I've run out of news, so I'll ring off hoping to hear from you soon.

Fraternally yours,
Pfc. Bob Failey, 35537951
Co. C, 1687th Engr. (C) Bn.
Camp Bowie, Texas.

Expresses Gratitude

Dear Mr. Gosser:

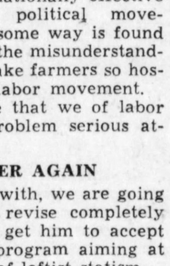
Your letter arrived one day last week being rather late, due to change of address. My mail from the company and union have been following my course of stations throughout the country and consequently arrive late.

I wish to express my deepest gratitute for the interests that my union and former employer have taken in me and all of the boys. Not only do we receive gift boxes of very useful articles but you write to us showing that the union is interested in our morale and welfare. There are very few companies that send gift boxes or inquire about their boys in the service and it makes me feel proud to have been an employee and member of the best organization in the world. Every month when my box arrives some of the boys remark on how lucky I was to have worked in a place that took such an interest in their boys.

I am now an airplane mechanic on B24 bombers and am kept quite busy keeping them in the air. There isn't much I can say about my job but it makes me proud to belong to that outfit. Once again, I'll say thanks for the interest that you are taking in us boys while away from home.

Harold I. Moore AMM 3/c
VB4-OTU—No. 2
NAAS Municipal Airport 1
Jacksonville, Fla.

On The Beam



By *Clayton W. Fountain*

Editor's Note: Clayton Fountain who has been on a hunting expedition in his own state of Michigan resumes his column with a thought provoking article on building farmer-labor unity in the political and economic field. His column will appear here regularly.

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Political commentators are again making much of the fact that the farm population cast enough votes in some states to account for local GOP victories. This Republican-mindedness of large sections of the agricultural community is being interpreted as proof that the average American farmer is wedded to the philosophy of conservatism.

It is on the basis of this supposed conservatism of the farmer that reactionary forces continue their efforts to deepen the artificial cleavage between farmers and industrial workers.

We have to admit that, so far as the total political picture is concerned, this cleavage does exist. What's worse, there seems small hope of building a nationally effective progressive political movement until some way is found to clear up the misunderstandings that make farmers so hostile to the labor movement.

It is time that we of labor give this problem serious attention.

START OVER AGAIN

To begin with, we are going to have to revise completely in order to get him to accept a political program aiming at some form of leftist statism.

This was the old Socialist-Communist approach. The idea was that you had to convince the farmer that he had to come over to support trade unionism; and that by so doing he would strengthen labor's efforts to set up a labor government strong enough to plan every detail of economic life:

It was always assumed by proponents of this thesis that such a basis of farmer-labor unity would ultimately lead to socialization of the land under supervision of the state.

REPEATED FAILURES

But this policy always resulted in repeated failures to unite the American farmer with our tongue in our cheek. We have listened too closely to those leftist master minds who insisted that the farmer was a reactionary at heart, and that his ideas would dilute a progressive program.

And we have nearly always said to the farmers: "Look, Zeke, we of labor have a program here that you ought to come along and support; it's good for you."

Of course, as long as labor held to the view that none but laborites knew what was good for the farmer, the farmers rightfully abstained from lending their backing to programs which they did not help to shape.

BASIS OF UNITY

Actually, the average American farmer is not conservative; and he is far from reactionary.

The vigor with which farmers in this country have thrown themselves into the building of cooperatives proves that they are not backward-minded. Co-ops are the purest form of free collectivisim, and American farmers have shown that they can build strong, democratic co-ops.

And, in depression periods, when bankers moved in to grab the land away from farmers, the folks on the land have not hesitated to fight back bravely.

So the first task today in starting to build farmer-labor unity is the job of proving to the farmer that labor is not trying to jam a labor program down the farmer's throat.

We have got to convince our country cousin that all we want is for him to sit down with us and write his own planks into the progressive platform.

Regional Views

By Richard Gosser
Director Region 2B, UAW-CIO

VETERANS COMMITTEE

Taking care of the veterans is going to become an increasingly more important part of the union work of the UAW-CIO. I know of no other activity which outweights this work for it involves jobs, seniority, veterans legislation, re-employment and many other problems which will face the veteran when he puts on his civilian clothes and becomes another guy looking for a job.

It is fitting that we consider veterans problems, for most of them came from the shops of America, more than 200,000 of them from UAW-CIO shops throughout the country.

Our union has shown its concern over the welfare of the veteran. It has set up a Veterans Department which is devoted exclusively to handling the affairs of the discharged servicemen who will need all the help we can give them.

These who remember the last war will recall how the soldiers were forgotten when the war was over. We know how they walked the streets looking for jobs. We can remember the veterans who were evicted from their homes and who sold apples and did any odd job they could to earn a few dollars to eke out a miserable living.

MUST NOT HAPPEN

What occured after the last war must not take place again when this present war is over. We of labor are determined that it shall not occur, for we realize that if the veterans of this war cannot find jobs, there will be no jobs for the others who have remained at home.

Our determination that there shall be jobs for the returning servicemen is companion to their determination.

We will not let our boys down. That is the reason why we are engaged now in organizing Veterans Committees in all Local unions and in Units of the Locals. That is the reason why those who served in the last war, remembering their own return to a jobless country should belong to the Veterans Committee of the Locals.

Veterans of World War II who have returned to their jobs should show their interest in their former buddies by becoming members of the Veterans Committee and helping the other fellows when they come back. These are the boys who can really do a good job, because they know what their buddies will be up against.

All of us, veterans or non-veterans, should extend the helping hand to our boys when they come home. We should not only tell the boys we are glad to have them back with us, but we should have a practical program to provide jobs and other aids for them. Only in this way will they know that we recognize them as our fellow-workers. After all, soldiers are nothing more or less than workers dressed in uniforms and fighting a war for the preservation of their freedoms.

We too must fight for the same freedoms for which our boys are fighting, one of the greatest freedoms—freedom from want. That spells jobs and security for our servicemen and for us, and a better country in which to live. You can help attain this by joining the Veterans Committee.

From The Desk

of

Melvin Schultz

President, Local 12, UAW-CIO

CHRISTIAN IDEAL

How closely the CIO's conception of American democracy coincides with the conception of a Christian Social Order was demonstrated by the Invocation given by the Most Reverend Bishop Bernard J. Sheil, Senior Auxiliary Archdiocese of Chicago, which opened the deliberations at the seventh Convention of the CIO.

That the ideal of an economic Democracy as in the postwar program of the CIO is the essential foundation of a Christian society was made clear by the bishop's words.

"The true measure of a people's greatness is it's fidelity to it's native ideals . . . Such is the Christian and American ideal. It is opposed to any social order which makes man merely the pawn of a dehumanized economic system. The American ideal is a society of a brotherhood of **Free** men: men free from the domination of arbitrary political masters; men free from any economic strangulation which would make freedom the hollow catchword of demagogues . . .

This ideal is not confined only to those who dwell within the borders of this country. The American ideal contains no narrow isolationist spirit; it expresses no hint of that type of national selfishness which denies the basic unity and the universal brotherhood of man. America must always remain the symbol of human freedom for all men; it must always remain the answer to the aspirations and hopes of all freedom-loving peoples, everywhere in the world.

OFFERS OPPORTUNITY

We who unreservedly accept this traditional American credo believe that it offers men the best opportunity for living a life that corresponds most closely to the very nature of man, a life that holds forth the promise of decency, of security and the fulfillment of human personality.

To preserve that way of life from the external threat of Fascism, America has mustered her industrial and military might. To destroy Fascism, the youth of America—your sons and your brothers—are now giving their lives all over the world. With God's assistance victory shall be ours.

To Be Concluded Next Week

'The Very Thought Of You,' New Warner Romance

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As a welcome relief from the flood of "delinquency" propaganda that has been shoveled at us in large doses these past months, and which has done little to picture the soldier in his true light, Warner Bros. have taken a sensible approach to this everyday problem in their new tropical romance, "The Very Thought Of You," starring Dennis Morgan, Eleanor Parker and Dane Clark, which arrived at the Paramount Theatre this week.

The story of Janet and David as told in Warner Bros.' film would not warrant unusual consideration these days were it not for the fact that their problems are the problems of our youth today, a health loving youth that would rather hold a few hours of happiness in its arms now, than stand by the wayside and search for it tomorrow.

Janet met Dave on a bus. They talked, laughed, exchanged hearts, and fell in love, all in a few happy hours. Quickly Dave's furlough days rushed by and suddenly it would be tomorrow, and an outbound ship the day after. Gently, so as not to arouse the antagonism of a family split asunder by the antics of a near neurotic mother, a self-pitying brother rejected by the army, and the frivolous flirtations of a sister in love with herself, not her sailor husband, Janet sheds her cloak of unhappiness to become Dave's wife. Dawn finds Dave gone, his happiness clutched tightly in Janet's hands, the girl alone no longer.

The special musical effects and scores were accomplished by musical director Leo F. Forbstein, and arranger Leo Arnaud, while the film's direction was saddled by Delmer Daves. Mr. Daves, with the collaboration of Sidney Bessie, prepared the script for filming, under the producership of Jerry Wald.

RAGLAND BACK FROM N. Y.

"Rag" Ragland checks in this week from New York to report for tests for his featured role in "Her Highness and the Bellboy."

Pin-Up Perfection

No Pin-Up Collection is really complete without a picture of Esther Williams, who made film history in the M-G-M technicolor musical, "Bathing Beauty," and is now in "Ziegfeld Follies."

STAR REJOICES

Ruth Hussey is beaming these days.

Her young son is about to have his first tooth and her husband, Robert Logenecker, has just been upped from lieutenant to captain. He is with the Signal Corps, radio division, in Hollywood.

Abbott and Costello

By Burny Zawodny

Bud Abbott, the tall slender half of the Abbott and Costello zany partnership, feels he was probably destied for the life he lives. For once, Lou Costello, the short, roly - poly member of the team, won't argue with his pal. Lou has felt the same way for as long as he can remember, even in the days when he was only a laborer at the studio where he now is a comedy star.

Abbott & Costello

Abbott was reared in show business. His father was Harry Abbott, advance man for Barnum and Bailey circus, his mother was Ray Abbott, star bareback rider. Bud was born in Atlantic City on Oct. 2, just as the show was preparing to go into winter quarters.

Later, his father launched a chain of burlesque theaters, and Bud worked in the box office, gradually drifting from that into a comedy turn on the stage.

Costello's theatrical background was not so foreordained. He was born Louis Francis Cristello, in Paterson, N. J., on March 6. His father, Sebastian Cristello, was a naturalized Italian engaged in the prosaic insurance business. His mother, Helene, was an Irish non-professional.

It wasn't until Lou completed high school in Paterson and journeyed to Hollywood that he became mixed up in show business. He landed a job on the labor gang at Warner Brothers. A short time later, he moved over to Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, in the same capacity.

Finally he met Helene Costello, daughter of the screen idol of his kid days, Maurice Costello, and through her went to work as a stunt man. He also changed his name to Costello in tribute to his cinema hero.

Hired to double for Dolores Del Rio—of all persons — in "Trail of '98" he made a leap from the second-story window of a burning building. On leaving the hospital, he caught a wildcat bus aiming in the general direction of Brooklyn. But the driver left him behind in St. Joseph, Mo., broke and decidedly discouraged.

A burlesque roupe landed in town a few days later, offering Lou his long-sought opportunity. He was soon traveling on burlesque wheels, earning $45 a week. Two years later Abbott and Costello, as separate acts, chanced to be booked on the same bill at a Brooklyn theater. Actually, "Why don't you guys spot let. ur acts together," the manager casually suggested. They tried it out at a matinee performance, and by the night performance they were a hit. Since that day they have never been separated in their careers as actors.

Abbott and Costello, as a team, continued to wow burlesque audiences for seven years. Then, in 1938, they appeared on Kate Smith's radio program. "I'm a ba-ad boy," a phrase that Lou had written 100 times on a black-board years before as a school punishment, became a by-word of American radio listeners.

In 1939, they starred for the first time on Broadway in "Streets of Paris", and a year later they were on the screen in Hollywood. Their first picture was "One Night In The Tropics" followed swiftly by their initial starring film, "Buck Privates."

In 1942, they made their first picture for M-G-M, the studio where Costello last had worked as a laborer. It was "Rio Rita" and came in the same year that they were named the number one boxoffice attraction in motion pictures. Their latest picture "Lost In A Harem" marks their most elaborate, film musical comedy to date.

Lifeliness

Bud Abbott, born William Abbott, Atlantic City, N. J., Oct. 2, son of Harry Abbott, circus advance man, and Ray Abbott, bareback rider; educated, high school, Brooklyn; height, 5 feet 11 inches; weight, 150 pounds; hair, brown; eyes, blue; occupations, seaman, laborer, actor; married, Betty Pratt, 1919.

Lou Costello: Born Louis Francis Cristello, Paterson, N. J. March 6, son of Sebastion Cristello, insurance broker, and Helene Cristello, educated, high school, Paterson; height, 5 feet 4 inches; weight, 195 pounds; hair, brown, eyes, brown; occupations, laborer, stunt man, actor; married, Ann Battler, 1931; daughters, Patricia, 7, Carole Lou, 5.

Teamed in vaudeville 1930; Kate Smith radio program, 1938; Plays "Streets of Paris," 1939.

Pictures: "One Night In The Tropics", "Buck Privates", "In The Navy", 1940; "Hold That Ghost", "Ride 'em Cowboy", Keep 'em Flying", 1941; "Rio Rita", "Pardon My Sarong", "Who Done It", 1942; "It Ain't Hay", "Hit The Ice", 1943; "Lost In A Harem," 1944.

Actor Bressart Is Now Also Doctor

HOLLYWOOD—Felix Bressart is now a doctor as well as actor.

The popular character actor this week received his degree as a doctor of physiothrapy and naturopathy from the College of Indianapolis, completing three years' study.

Bressart, however, is not giving up his motion picture career, he revealed on the set of "Without Love". Nor does he intend to practice. Medicine is just his hobby, and he has studied it as such for almost 15 years.

M-G-M To Film New Novel By Tarkington

HOLLYWOOD — Booth Tarkington's new novel, "Josephine," was purchased this week by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer and wil be produced as one of the studio's most important productions of 1945.

The film version of the novel is set in a small Midwestern city, and is the story of a returned South Pacific war hero, who becomes assistant librarian in a museum and who falls in love with a rich, beautiful but wilful girl.

Complications which ensue when he learns her true nature, and breaks the engagement make for a dynamically dramatic story.

The novel will be published soon by Doubleday-Doran.

The M-G-M picturization will be made with an all-star cast.

VETERAN VILLAIN

Charles Middleton, character actor who specializes in unpleasant screen roles, will have the sole villainous part in "Our Vines Have Tender Grapes." He has been signed sa Dorothy Morris's brutish farmer father in this idyllic story of Wisconsin farm life which co-stars Margaret O'Brien and Edward G. Robinson. Middleton recently will be seen as the miser with Ronald Colman in "Kismet."

Ilona Massey Returns To Screen In MGM Films

HOLLYWOOD (Special) — Ilona Massey, Eurean-born singer and actress who recently returned to Hollywood from a triumphant tour of South America, was this week signed to a long-term contract at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer.

As her first role under the contract, the singer-actress will have the lead in a gay and exotic musical of Latin America, "Holiday in Mexico."

Miss Massey thus returns to the studio where she first appeared in films in America, following her discovery by talent executives when she was the singing star of the Vienna Opera House. She came to Hollywood to appear in "Rosalie" with Nelson Eddy and Eleanor Powell, and subsequently was featured in "Balalaika" in which Eddy also starred.

JUDY TO OWN PREMIERE

Singing star Judy Garland is working night and day to complete her role in "The Clock," film in which she makes her first apearance in a straight dramatic picture, so that she can be present when "Meet Me in St. Louis" has its New York opening.

Colvin Appointed To U.S. Labor Post

WASHINGTON, December 4 (LPA)—With the resignation of Dr. John Steelman as director of the U. S. Conciliation Service, Howard T. Colvin has taken over as acting director of this branch of the Department of Labor.

Colvin is a Virginian who served as director of the Conciliation Service from 1931 to 1938. In his native state, he served as assit. commissioner of labor from 1918 to 1922, and as employment service director in 1931. He was a regional director of the U. S. Employment Service from 1938 to 1944, when he returned to the Conciliation Service as assitant to Dr. Steelman.

News and Gossip of Stage and Screen

Finds Dialect Expert Cast In Same Picture

HOLLYWOOD — When Preston Foster was offered the role of Irish Jim Brennan, Greer Garson's unsuccessful suitor in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's colorful picturization of the Marcia Davenport best seller, "The Valley of Decision," he demurred a little, worrying about his Irish brogue.

Finally Foster said he would like to play the role if he could be coached by the man who had taught him the Irish brogue in "The Plough and the Stars."

Director Tay Garnett agreed and asked who it was that Foster wanted.

"Arthur Shields," Foster said, "He was a member of the Abbey Players."

"Stop worrying right now," Garnett replied. "Shields has already been signed for the picture. He plays Callahan, Jim Brennan's buddy!"

Between scenes in the film, Shields and Foster trade so much Iirsh chatter that Irish-born Greer nicknamed the pair Pat and Mike.

Pooch Belongs In Hotel Atmosphere

HOLLYWOOD — Xavier Cugat's dog, Moro, makes his screen debut in "Weekend at the Waldorf."

The Belgian Elk Hound needs no coaching for his role which shows him walking haughtily through the corridors of the fabulous hotel. He's as much at home there as his master, who, for the past twelve years has been the star attraction of the Waldorf's Starlight Roof.

Moro even goes Cugie one better. He was born at the Waldorf-Astoria—on the 25th floor!

Technicians Pull New One From Hat

HOLLYWOOD — Credit the combined wizardry of makeup chief Jack Dawn and camera boss John Arnold, both of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, with the remarkable facial transformation of Phyllis Thaxter in "Alter Ego."

First she appears as the typical American girl of 18 and then suddenly while the camera is still rolling she ages 30 years right before your eyes.

Donna Is Naturally A Home Girl

HOLLYWOOD—Donna Reed, beautiful and promising actress, is considerably perturbed, not to say in the exact center of a quandary.

She is becoming slightly type-conscious. In other words, she doesn't want to become a dyed-in-the-screen Pollyanna.

"Maybe," says Donna, "a little more glamour is what I need."

Putting forward our most polite foot, however, in as beautiful a mixed metaphor as you've ever tangled with, let's have a case at Donna's looks . . . that is, a look at Donna's case; Donna's looks already have been cased—by every GI in service from here to China and back.

The trouble is, her fan mail bulges daily with letters from servicemen who beseech her not to change character—to please remain their all-American GI dream girl.

It's a fact that Donna Reed is the girl Uncle Sam's fighting men have voted time after time the one they'd "most like to come home to." To millions of boys overseas she represents the girl they left behind. She's Miss America of the Armed forces.

This concensus flows in from posts, bases and hospitals all over the world; and is the keynote of nine out of any ten fan letters she receives.

"Stay as sweet as you are"—that's the gist.

And it poses a disturbing problem to Donna.

"Take this picture I'm in now," says Donna. "It's a screen treatment of McKinlay Kantor's best-seller period story "Gentle Annie,' a robust yarn about the Oklahoma pioneer territory at the turn of the century.

"I play the role of Mary Lingen, a high-spirited, resourceful frontier girl. She's a nice girl but she's—well sharp-tongued and fiery. If some siren had the role she could play it. But I have to see the part through the eyes of soldier, or sailor, or marine, somewhere in the South Pacific. And I play it the way he would want it."

Brushing Up For 30 Seconds

Phyllis Thaxter touches up her tresses before filming a scene for "Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo," the M-G-M picturization of Capt. (now Major) Ted Lawson's best-seller. Phyllis shares leading honors with Van Johnson and Spencer Tracy.

FILM PROPHESY

As the probable fate of Adolf Hitler mounts in current conversation, Carey Wilson's "Nostradamus IV" is reaping a whirlwind of theatre bookings. Subject predicts that Hitler will have his throat cut by either Heinrich Himmler or Hermann Goering either of whom, press dispatches indicate, may be guilty in presenting Adolf with the double-cross.

PETE'S NEW FILM TRICK

Pete Smith will utilize a new technical trick to obtain a comedy effect for his "Track and Field Quiz" reel. By combining live-action with stop-printing on the same frame of film, a character remains suspended in mid-air while surrounded by moving objects. Though a pioneer in the photographic gag realm, this marks Smith's initial attempt in employing the dual technique.

M-G-M Prize Novel Now Up Among Best Sellers

HOLLYWOOD — "Green Dolphin Street," Elizabeth Goudge novel which won the $150,000 prize as the book of the year in the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer annual competition, is also a record-breaker in the literary field.

On sale only four weeks, the book has zoomed to the top in the best seller list, according to the current report of Publishers' Weekly.

It is said to be a record never before equalled.

Story will be brought to the screen later with an all-star cast, at M-G-M.

FANS LIKE OLD HAIRDO

Marsha Hunt, first of the movie gals to wear her hair in the short "feather cut," has worn that style three years, but had to let it grow for her role in "The Valley of Decision." Fans who have seen her around Hollywood with the longer hairdo are protesting, so Marsha will have it cut again when she finishes her role in the picture.

Plaskon Powder Pounders

Whoever said there is no difference between an oiler and oilers helper is nuts. 12 inches is a lot of difference, ain't it Rudey?

Plaskonear insists upon the Athletic Assn. as an employee group, however it seems odd to me that while its officers are foremen and supervisors, one foreman tells me that to the best of his knowledge it is disbanded for the duration, and haven't had an election of officers for three years. Even so, Local 12 prohibits company dominated groups. Local 12 may return to air its programs after Jan. 1. It's too bad more of us aren't as congenial as Bro. Ted Thomas of raw stock. Word reaches me that some of our boys accepted an invitation to a session at Red Men's Hall where Ray Ory our so-called safety man, was on hand to criticize them for their union activities. I hope the Red Men in general are not 'Finks.' Whatever their attitude I still can't see where it was unpatriotic to pass the can for our boys in service.

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SPORTS

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GENERAL MacARTHUR SAYS:

"Upon the fields of friendly strife are sown those seeds that, on other days, on other fields, will bear the fruits of victory."

Inter-City Boxing Tournament Arranged

From The Rule Book

By Wilbert "Birdie" Rule
Director of Education and Recreation

This week's issue of THE TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL is the first edition of its third year of existence.

The editors decided on a policy whereby more consideration would be given to the sports page. So, your columnist is here to put forth his efforts to make the sports page an attractive, authentic, and interesting part of THE TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL.

Now, folks, it will be impossible for one reporter to get around to all the factories affiliated with Local 12, so with your help and contributions (not financial) we will be able to submit a sports page for your approval which, we think, will be enjoyed by all of our union members.

I want to write articles on every phase of sports, so come on all of you athletes, and those athletic minded, and send in your notes about your sports interests and doings.

Let me hear what you and your gang are planning for the coming winter and even for next spring. Surely all of our readers will be glad to hear about it.

Just mail or phone in to the sports editor the results, spectacular plays and players, and outstanding scores of your contests.

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At this time, folks, I would like to tell you about one of our union brothers who has made a great name for himself in boxing and who is well known to most of you.

"Birdie" Rule

He is Corp. C. C. "Babe" Keller, who is now performing in the military service of his Uncle Sam and at present stationed in Holland. "Babe" was a member of the Spicer Unit at the time of his entrance into the greatest fighting unit in the world.

Since his military service began, "Babe" has been conducting boxing shows and other athletic contests, not for his personal gain but to furnish athletic equipment for the boys in the armed forces. The boys in his outfit say that he is doing a fine job for them.

So here's to Corp. Keller, and a big hand for his achievements in helping to keep up the morale of our boys in uniform.

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As baseball is the most popular sport in the United States, those who direct the national pastime owe a certain debt to the public. It is a moral debt to see that the game is kept clean and to ban all crooked players.

The attempted bribe of Pitcher Leonard, of the Washington Snators, was pretty well kept from the baseball fans of the country. Some of us wonder why.

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According to rumor, Bob Kelly, Notre Dame halfback, is slated to play for Navy next football season. Also Bob Hoernschmeyer of Indiana. It looks as though the Navy backfield will contain as much strength as their vaunted line.

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It is good news to hear that Rosy Ryan, former Mud Hen pitcher, will again manage the Minneapolis baseball club. Rosy made a host of friends here during his pitching days and is very well liked in Minneapolis.

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The Ohio High School Athletic Association has awarded the Class A basketball tournament for 1944-45 to Toledo and announces that it will be held in the field house of the University of Toledo on March 24, 1945.

Toledo is considered one of the best basketball cities in the state and this tournament will help to revive interest in the sport which has dwindled somewhat since the war began.

In mild winters some wild geese remain in Michigan, but the last usually go south as soon as ice closes the lakes, in late November or December. They reappear with the first February thaws.

Deer Season Is On

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 8 — The 1944 deer hunting season in Ohio got under way Monday, December 4, to continue until, and including Saturday, December 9, in Scioto, Pike and Adams counties. A survey of the deer situation in the hunting area near Portsmouth, on the eve of the second legal deer hunt in Ohio in 50 years, shows deer throughout the area. Deer are well distributed throughout, game technicians who have been in the territory during the past few days, state. Deer are reported plentiful and good bucks have been seen with big heads of antlers.

Father and Son Sentiment

At the 22nd annual convention of the Izaak Walton League of America, a resolution was passed to observe an annual National Father and Son Fishing and Outing Day. Says the resolution "the need for unity of fathers and sons in any program to conserve and improve the beauties of God's green earth for future generations imposes a responsibility on the fathers of today to plan wisely for the post-war privileges for our sons."

This move is in keeping with the Jungle Cock organization whose members obligate themselves to take boys fishing from time to time, and not necessarily their own sons. The Jungle Cock brotherhood is active in several states and has been forwarded encouragingly in Ohio by Ohio Conservation Division sponsorship.

Deer Hunting Notes

COLUMBUS, Dec. 8 — Ohio Division of Conservation officials urge sportsmen who go deer hunting down in southern Ohio this week to refrain from shooting at bears, as they are not dangerous unless crowded. The bear is the clown of the forest.

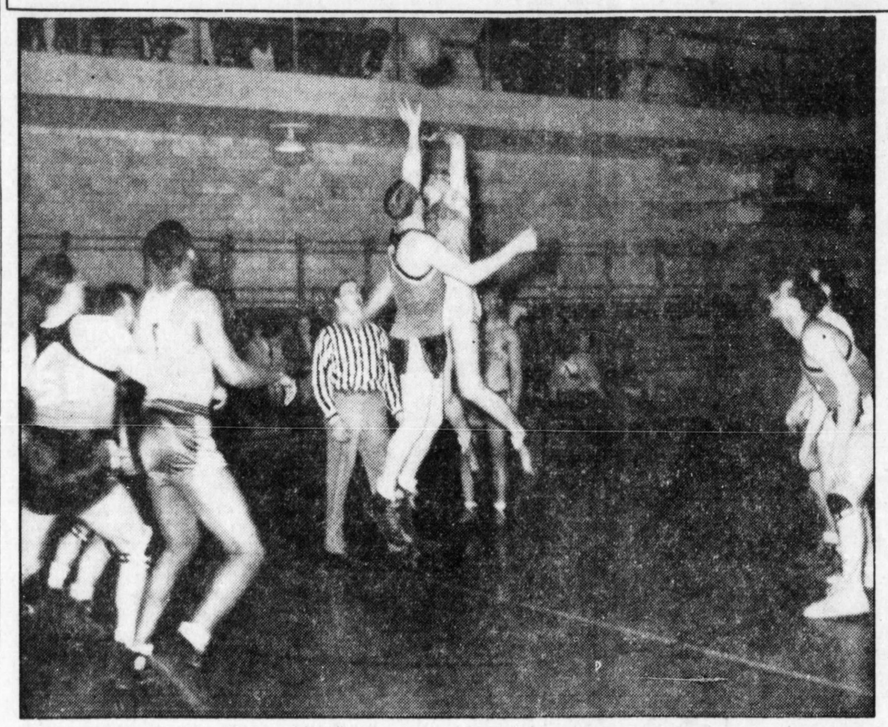
The law says bucks must have antlers at least four inches long to be killed legally. If you wait long enough to see the length of the antlers, you will know it is not a doe or a man. This regulation is a safety measure.

Union Musicians Given 15% Raise

NEW YORK (LPA)—A 15% wage increase has been granted to 1400 New York union musicians employed in bands and orchestras.

Sticking strictly to the Little Steel formula, the regional WLB calculated the new scales by adding 15% to the Jan. 1941 pay rates, less a general $5 raise which all musicians have been given since the wage freeze went into effect.

1944-45 Basketball Season Gets Under Way



Action scenes such as the one pictured above will be in evidence during the forthcoming Y. M. C. A. Industrial Basketball Tournament which got under way during the past week. The Willys-Overland team will be defending champions.

Four leagues, representing 18 teams, are entered in the tournament and all games will be played in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium.

ROGER BRESNAHAN PASSES

Members of Local 12 were shocked to hear of the death of Roger Bresnahan, the greatest all-around baseball player and the finest catcher the national pastime has ever known. This baseball great was well known wherever baseball was played.

"The Duke", as he was affectionately called, was a close friend of the famous John McGraw, of the New York Giants, and was to be found wherever the important men of baseball gathered.

During his career, Bresnahan became manager of the Chicago Cubs and the St. Louis Cardinals and owner of the Toledo Baseball Club. He was the catcher for the Giants during the first world's series.

Many sandlotters from Toledo's playgrounds will mourn the death of this fine example of American sportsman because he was untiring in his efforts to teach the fine points of baseball to those youngsters who were ambitious to learn the game.

Bingham Stamping Unit Beats Toledo Steel Products

Bingham Stamping snapped into peak form last night to spill a good Toledo Steel Products team for two games. Fred Holdin's big 258 game kept the Bingham boys from making a clean sweep.

Toledo Pressed Steel copped two from Gordon Bumper. Individual scoring honors went to Paul Sterling, who, by the way, is one of the league's most improved bowlers. Frank Molik's big 399 didn't exactly help his Bumper team.

Ransom & Randolph pulled the surprise of the evening taking two from the tough Mather Spring outfit. H. Rouston's (537) was the big contributor for the winners, while Henry Malkowski shot a creditable (551) for the losers.

Standard Commutator were in their usual good form and swept three from an unhappy DeVilbiss club. Cap Wekwert posted a fine 563 for the Commutators. Henry Laurich shooting a good 554 score to a losing cause. Cheer up Harry, you won't have to bowl Commutator again for another seven weeks.

Vet Job Time Limit Exteded

WASHINGTON (LPA)—Criticism by orgaized labor and veterans organizations of the 40-day limit within which a discharged veteran may reapply for his old job bore fruit on Capitol Hill last week.

By overwhelming vote the Senate extended the period to 90 days and sent the measure to the White House for the President's signature. Selective Service Director Lewis Hershey echoed labor protests that the 40-day limit worked a hardship on many veterans including those who are compelled to continue hospital treatment after obtaining their discharges.

Good Games In Local 12 Nighthawk League

Ken Shepard led his DeVilbiss No. 1 club to two wins over R. Ressler's DeVilbiss No. 2 team. Both boys shooting in the anchor spots led their respective clubs, the former shooting a big 573, the latter a good 502.

Willys-Overland showed a lot of stuff in taking two from Acklin Stamping. The game was pretty much Ed Czerniak who shot 586, Ed wasn't without help however, Walt Kusina 519 and Sam Dixon 503 did their share. Jack Tusher was high for Acklin with his 538. Joe Kardos showed the boys a lot of stuff on his ball the 1st game a 215 which helped Acklin to their lone win.

Only three per cent of all accidents experienced by persons engaged in sports or recreation are hunting accidents according to statistics compiled by the Travelers Insurance Company.

The standard methods of meat cooking for beef and lamb are most successful for venison.

Out-Of-State Hunters Increase In Ohio

COLUMBUS, Nov. 27—In addition to an increase of about 20 per cent over last year of resident hunting and trapping licenses issued, reports from county clerks and other license issuing agencies to the Division of Conservation indicate that there is a sharp increase in licenses issued to out-of-state nimrods. Ohio's pheasant hunting has earned fame beyond state lines.

Michigan's average trout season is approximately 130 days.

American bald eagles have been indicted by the Michigan Conservation Department as sheep killers.

In the early 1850's, Sac Bay on Garden Peninsula in upper Lake Michigan was a port of call for sailing vessels that carried kegs of salt fish and cargoes of fuelwood to Chicago markets.

Light But Deadly

Most of the arrows used by archers who hunt deer in Michigan weigh from 475 to 600 grains, about 1½ ounces.

Bond Drive Passes 50%

Employees in the industrial plants and business places in Lucas County continued their bond buying in the Sixth War Loan Campaign at an unusual pace during this drive and were well beyond the 50% mark for their quota of purchases the War Finance Committee officials announced recently.

Mr. C. H. L. Thompson, chairman of the Industrial Division pointed out that there will be three more important meetings for his branch of the War Finance Committee and he confidently expects these purchases to continue at h same rate as in the past. During this drive Mr. Thompson said purchases are considerably beyond a similar point in any of the previous war loans.

Labor management committees and other special bond selling groups in the plants and business places are making their canvass now so that reports will be available at the regular sessions of the Industrial Division leaders. Plant rallies have been held in the majority of the 126 firms that are reporting bond purchases through the Industrial Division.

Every worker is being asked to buy either for cash or through payroll deduction, an extra $100 bond during this campaign.

More than 90,000 employees will have their bond purchases cleared through the Industrial Division of the War Finance Committee groups. The over-all bond purchases in Lucas County had passed the 30% mark of this county's quota of $42,162,000.

National Supply Stars On Alleys

By Ed Mandy

National Supply No. 3 dominated the Local 12 American League, Monday night on the Bowl-O-Drome alleys. Doc Wolf paced the winners with his big 647 total. The team rolled scores of 934, 911, and 855, for a total of 2700. However, the Mather Spring outfit, who just wouldn't give up, won the last game, largely due to the efforts of Jim Foltz with his big 209.

Willys-Overland No. 1, current loop leaders, swept three games from the Standard Commutator quintet, to maintain their one game edge over the National Supply No. 1 team. All members of the Jeep makers team rolled more than 500, with Pete Johnson leading the parade with his 568. Walt Kujawa, of the Commutator crew, was the only member of his club who was able to gather more than 500 pins.

Although the National Supply No. 1 team was off the beam, and shooting mediocre scores, they were able to squeeze three games from their hapless coworkers, National Supply No. 2. Joe Biscay's 503 was the only series over 500 in this setup.

The up and coming American Can team won three more games to keep pace with the leaders—this time from Willys-Overland No. 2. The Canco keglers, after a slow start, have righted themselves and yet opposition has been able to register but one win during the last month. Frank Nadolny, with 572 pins and Steve Raszka, contributing 536 points, were the big guns for the winners, while Chet Cross, whose 538 and Fred Croll's 532 were not quite good enough to stave off the rush of the Canco hotshots.

FDR's War Powers Get 1945 OK

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Extension for another year of President Roosevelt's war powers, which gave life to OPA, WPB, War Food Administration and other wartime agencies, was voted overwhelmingly last week by the House.

However, the House tacked on to the Second War Powers Act an amendment permitting Federal courts to review and enjoint WPB orders suspending allocations of critical materials.

Willys-Overland Soldiers' Welfare Fund To Benefit

An inter-city boxing tournament between mittmen from Detroit, Cleveland and Toledo will be held in the Civic Auditorium on Wednesday, Dec 13, under the auspices of the Cestus Club.

Twenty per cent of the proceeds of the show will be turned over to the Soldiers' Welfare Fund of the Wilys-Overland Unit Local 12, UAW-CIO. This money will be used to purchase Christmas boxes for members in the armed forces.

The first bout of the program, which will contain 40 rounds of boxing, will begin at 8:30 p. m.

The feature events, which will be for five rounds, or less, will bring together Lawrence Moreland, Toledo, and Jackie Wilson, Cleveland, weighing in at 135 pounds; Bob Amos, Detroit, and Henry Phillips, Cleveland, heavyweights; Billy Jones, Detroit, and Terry Russell, Cleveland, weighing in at 147 pounds.

In addition to these feature bouts, there will be several shorter matches by fighters including Danny Prater, Irish Jimmy Barker, Clarence Nix and other Toledo boys competing against Cleveland members of the resin and ring club.

Tickets are on sale at popular prices in downtown stores, Willys-Overland Unit committee room, and the TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL sports editor's office in Local 12.

A Good Story That Smells

LANSING, Dec. 5 — Somebody stole a pet skunk from a garage and the indignant owner has appealed to the conservation department for help. "Chiefie" was a nice little skunk, too, as skunks go—fat and gentle, although a little nervous around strangers.

A short time ago the conservation department was asked to furnish a deodorized skunk as a mascot for an air force bomber crew. The next day a skunk was trapped at the Swan Creek wildlife experiment station near Allegan, deodorized, and shipped to the crew. The owner of the skunk according to a letter to the department, thought the skunk may have been stolen to satisfy the longings of the bomber crew and not for the personal gratification of the thief.

If anyone finding a skunk with a leather collar—should he get close enough to identify a collar—will get in touch with the conservation department, arrangements will be made to get "Chiefie" back to the rightful owner.

The month-long bow and arrow season which ended in Allegan county, Michigan, November 20 produced fewer deer than a year ago. The count was 12 on November 27, eight less than 1943's total, with three days to go. Largest deer taken with bow and arrow was a buck that weighed 174 pounds when dressed. It was killed by Fred Bear of Detroit, one of Michigan's best known archers.

Michigan State College distributed a booklet entitled "Venison from Forest to Table" which contains delicious recipes for every part of the deer. The booklet contains recipes for everything from roasting to "deerburgers."

Some Haul

Commercial fishermen operating out of Michigan ports on the Great Lakes will take fish worth more than $4,000,000 this year.

A Michigan law states that shanties for ice fishermen must display the name of the owner, plainly on the outside, in letters not less than two inches high.

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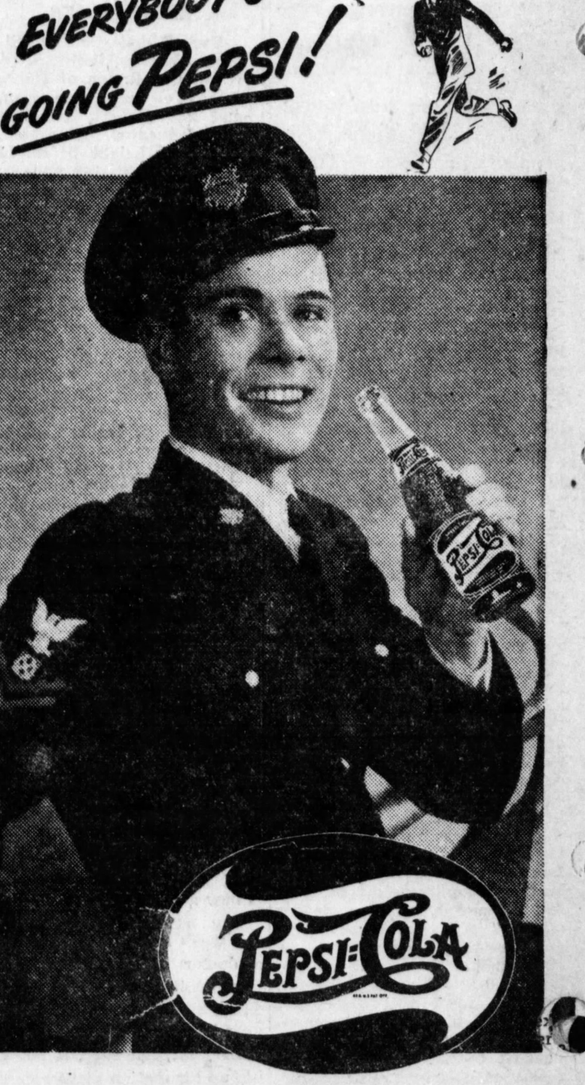

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